

HONORING THE LODI ELECTRIC
UTILITY FOR 100 YEARS OF
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Lodi Electric Utility.

On July 1, 1910, Lodi Electric Utility began providing power to the residents of Lodi, California. Over the last century, their operations have expanded over thirty-fold. The department now provides power to 68,000 residents located in a fourteen square-mile area, an area which I am proud to represent.

What began in 1893 as the Bay City Gas, Water and Electric Works has become Lodi Electric Utility and has flourished under the auspices of the Lodi City Council to become one of the City's most significant departments and a member of the Northern California Power Agency. Lodi Electric Utility has grown over the last century and is a valued local service, with over 200 miles of distribution lines, 28,500 electric meters, and four electrical substations to serve the energy needs of the community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lodi Electric Utility for providing service to the Lodi community for the last 100 years.

RECOGNIZING IOWA CENTRAL
FUEL LABORATORY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Iowa Central Fuel Laboratory for being designated the first BQ-9000 testing laboratory for biodiesel fuel in the nation.

The goals of BQ-9000 include promoting commercial success and public acceptance of biodiesel and to help ensure that biodiesel fuel is produced to and maintained at the industry standard level. BQ-9000 also helps companies improve their fuel testing and helps reduce any chance of producing inadequate fuel.

I commend the Iowa Central Fuel Laboratory for achieving this honor. The work Iowa Central Fuel Laboratory does ensuring adequate, industry standard fuel is distributed is invaluable to the people of Iowa and to this nation. I am proud to have the Iowa Central Fuel Laboratory located within my district and wish them well as they continue their work.

SALUTING STANLEY GOLD

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to salute Mr. Stanley Gold for his outstanding achievements within the United States Postal Service. Mr. Gold is currently a member of Miami Branch 146 and has served

within the American Legion for decades. He is the highest Department of Florida legislative officer. Mr. Gold has also served in multiple legislative functions within the postal community.

In August 1966, as a member of the United Federation of Postal Clerks, Mr. Gold took the stand in front of the Civil Service and Post Office Committee. He laid out his support for H.R. 11434, which would provide for the immediate release of postal workers without loss of pay or leave should the Weather Bureau declare a hurricane warning. In addition, the bill required the Weather Bureau to provide appropriate notice when such a warning was lifted.

Alongside Pat Nilan, the then federation's national legislative director, Mr. Gold outlined how this legislation would protect not only postal workers in hurricane-ravaged Florida, but workers all across the nation. "We have to eliminate any kind of confusion within the postal work force," said Mr. Gold. "We must cut down on the unfair practices by some of our postmasters who do not take conditions in mind when leaving with the work force." Although the "Hurricane Bill" did not pass in the Senate, Mr. Gold continued to work continuously for the next 36 years to insure that there was some kind of movement with this critical issue. The victory Mr. Gold and others had long sought came in the form of a report inserted into the FY-02 postal appropriations bill. The report required the Postal Service to not have its carriers out in any kind of extreme weather. In addition, the workers would still be paid as normal, even though they would not necessarily be out on their routes. On January 2, 2002 President George W. Bush signed the bill into law. Mr. Gold's nearly 40 years of commitment and perseverance paid off in the long run.

Mr. Stanley Gold is an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and appreciation. It is with deep respect and admiration that I commend Mr. Gold for his many years of service with the United States Postal Service and the American Legion.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL
MATTHEW SCHWIND

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, today I recognize and pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Schwind, United States Army, on the occasion of his transfer to the 101st Airborne Division, Air Assault, at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. I, and many other members of this chamber, have had the pleasure of working with him over the past three years that he has served as a part of the U.S. Army Office of Legislative Affairs and as a Liaison Officer in the Army Liaison Office in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Lieutenant Colonel Schwind enlisted in the United States Army in 1989, attended Basic Training, Advanced Individual Training, and served three years as an Aero-Scout Observer with the 101st Airborne Division, AASLT. In that time, he deployed with his unit to Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1991. After redeploying in 1991, he attended Officer

Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia and was commissioned a Field Artillery Lieutenant on January 30, 1992.

The next day he married the former Darlene Hendrix of Columbia, Tennessee. They have been married over 18 years and have a daughter, Jennifer, and son, Dylan.

Through the years, LTC Schwind's assignments have taken him to Kentucky, Oklahoma, Hawaii, Virginia, Texas, Kansas, New York, and Washington, DC.

Lieutenant Colonel Schwind's deployments include Operation Desert Shield/Storm; Restore Hope, Haiti, IFOR, Bosnia; and Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan.

Matt is a graduate of the Aero-Scout Observer Course, the Air Assault School, the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, Combined Logistics Captain's Career Course, Combined Arms and Staff Services School, and the Command and General Staff College. He has a Masters Degree in Logistics Management from the Florida Institute of Technology.

During his assignment to the Army House Liaison Office, Lieutenant Colonel Schwind developed outstanding rapport with senior Members of Congress and their staffs—both personal and committee. He was often a by-name request from committee chairmen to plan, coordinate, and escort their fact-finding and oversight delegations. He served as the Army representative on 20 congressional and staff delegations to locations within the continental United States, Iraq, Afghanistan, and other overseas locations.

Lieutenant Colonel Schwind leaves OCLL for Fort Campbell, Kentucky, this July. He will work on the staff of the 101st Sustainment Brigade, and then take command of the 426th Brigade Support Battalion in the summer of 2011.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues please join me in recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Schwind in serving the United States Army and the Nation.

HONORING FRANK KAPPELER

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Representative MIKE THOMPSON, to honor and pay tribute to Frank Kappeler, one of eight surviving members of "Doolittle's Raiders" who passed away Wednesday, June 23, 2010 in Santa Rosa, California at the age of 96.

Lieutenant Colonel Kappeler was one of 79 U.S. Army Corps aviators who volunteered to fly the daring bombing mission over Japan for months after the surprise attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor.

Sixteen B-25 bombers and the men aboard launched from an aircraft carrier in the Pacific on April 18, 1942 and headed for Japan, knowing that they did not have enough fuel to return and even if they could get back, the large bombers were not able to land on the American carriers.

Lt. Col. Kappeler was the navigator on the No. 11 plane and was forced to bail out over China when the plane's engines stopped at 11,000 feet. Chinese partisans helped Lt. Col.